(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) The UGC is the apex body for maintaining and coordinating the standards of Higher Education. However, there are regulatory Councils like All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Medical Council of India (MCI), Dental Council of India (DCI), Indian Nursing Council (INC), National Council for Teachers Education (NCTE), which monitor and regulate and standards of education in specific streams, within their respective jurisdiction.

Tribals in Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas

2159. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tribals studying in Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalas of Jharkhand and the figures for the last three years;

(b) the number of tribal teachers working in Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas and the figures for the last three years; and

(c) the number of tribals teaching in Central Government run educational institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) The number of tribals studying in Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNVs) of Jharkhand State during the last three years is as under:—

Sl. No.	Academic Year	No. of tribal students enrolled in KVs.	No. of tribal students enrolled in JNVs.
1.	2004-2005	1617	1690
2.	2005-2006	1681	1785
3.	2006-2007 (as on 15.03.2007)	1775	1808

(b) Number of tribal teachers working in KVs and JNVs during the last three years is as under:—

Sl. No.	Academic Year	No. of tribal Teachers working with KVs.	No. of tribal Teachers working with JNVs.
1.	2004-2005	940	448
2.	2005-2006	1004	457
3.	2006-2007 (as on 15.03.2007)	1025	498

(c) The Ministry of Human Resource Development does not centrally collect and maintain the data in respect of educational institutions run by the different Ministries/Departments of the Central Government.

Linking of educational and research institutions in the country

2160. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to link all educational and research institutions of higher learning in the country through a high speed Broadband Network to optimize the potential of institutions engaged in generation and dissemination of knowledge;

(b) whether his Ministry and National Knowledge Commission (NKC) have recommended linking of all educational and research institutions, Central Universities, IITs and IIMs through a Broadband Network free of cost; and

(c) if so, how much this plan is likely to cost Government and expenditure required to be made in the Eleventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The University Grants Commission (UGC) has already provided connectivity to as many as 149 Universities through the Information and Library Network Centre (INFLIBNET), an autonomous Inter University Centre of the UGC. Universities/educational institutions selected under the UGC's INFONET Project have been provided High Speed Network Connectivity with 90%